(c) GAIL has sought the following fiscal concession from the Government of Kerala:—

1.0 During Construction period

(i) Exemption from works contract tax.

(\\) Exemption from Stamp duty.

2.*0 During Operation period*

(i) Exemption from entry tax on fuel gas

(i,i) Exemption from electricity duty applicable from 6th year onwards.'.

(d) The project completion schedule will be finalized at the time of investment approval.

(e) Ethane, Propane and heavier hydrocarbon fractions extracted from the imported LNG at the proposed LNG Terminal at Kochi will be the feedstock for the project. Regassified LNG will be used as fuel for the project.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Losses due to strike by AAI employees

2246. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the losses suffered by Government due to strike in the first week of February, 2006 in protest against handing over Delhi and Mumbai airports to the private sector; and

(b) whether sufficient effforts were not made earlier to avoid the said strike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Airports Authority of India did not suffer any loss on this account.

(b) Sufficient efforts were made to apprise the employees through the meetings held with AAI joint Forum. To resolve the issue a meeting was also held on 30.01.06 with the Minister of Civil Aviation and later at Prime Minister's level on 03.02.06.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.